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## 23rd Instance of Safe Haven Law Occurred

Lincoln - Todd Landry, director of the Division of Children and Family Services for the Department of Health and Human Services, said an 11-year-old boy from Miami-Dade County, Florida was left at Boys Town National Research Hospital through LB 157, Nebraska's "safe haven" law.

Landry said the boy's father left him at the hospital this afternoon. The Department is in the process of gathering additional information, and has contacted the Florida Department of Children and Families.

This is the 23rd instance of use of LB 157 and the 31st child left at a hospital under the law since September 13. LB 157 went into effect on July 18.

More information about Nebraska's safe haven law, as well as information about local resources for families, can be found on the Department's Website at

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